Shaw Goes To Court . . . As Witness

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Clay Shaw was called to the witness stand yesterday — in New York—in a matter quite unrelated to his celebrated New Orleans trial.

He was a witness in a suit against Tra-Mar Inc. from whom a realty firm is suing to recover $28,000 in brokerage fees.

Shaw told New York newsmen he is looking for a job, because "my savings, all my possessions, were eaten up by legal fees."

He predicted District Attorney Jim Garrison will win re-election in November, and added "I don't hate him," of the man who caused him to stand trial on a charge of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy. After the 34-day trial, Shaw was acquitted March 1.

"Hate is a very corrosive emotion. It doesn't hurt the guy you hate much, but it sure can hurt you," he said.

He said it was a relief to be in New York "where I'm not so easily recognized. Everybody knows me in New Orleans," he said.

Shaw said of the current Tra-Mar trial "I can't help remembering when I was on the other side of the rail and how it felt—and now I wonder how many others — I knew there were individual cases in which there was a miscarriage of justice, but now I wonder how many."